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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A vascular access device comprising:
a housing; and
a septum having a proximal end₁; a distal end₂ and an outer surface and having an annular groove positioned within the outer surface ~~septum~~ such that the septum has a generally dumbbell shape, the septum further having a slit ~~extends~~ extending from the proximal end to the distal end of the septum through which a needle may pass; and a biasing element positioned at least in part within the annular groove and urging the opening to a closed condition, the septum and the biasing element disposed within the housing.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously presented) The vascular access device of claim 1 further comprising a tube attached to and in fluid communication with the housing.
4. (Previously presented) The vascular access device of claim 3 further comprising a female adapter attached to the tube.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) The vascular access device of claim 1 wherein the biasing element is a C-shaped clip.
7. (Cancelled)